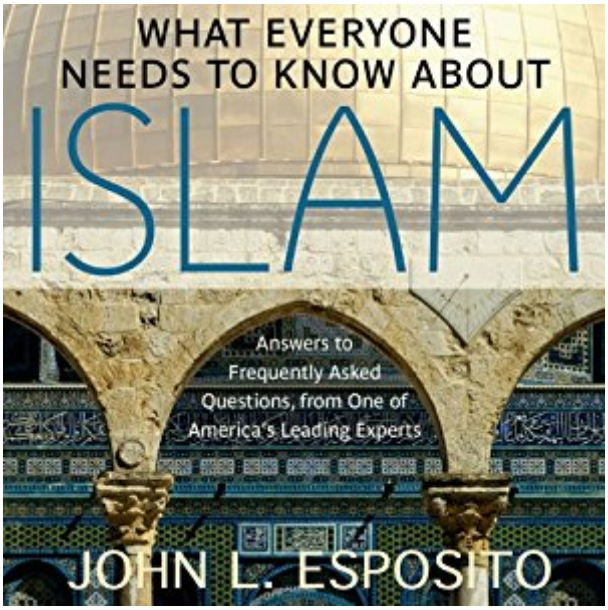
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Synopsis

Since the terrorist attacks of September 11th, there has been an overwhelming demand for information about Islam, and recent events - the war in Iraq, terrorist attacks both failed and successful, debates throughout Europe over Islamic dress, and many others - have raised new questions in the minds of policymakers and the general public. This newly updated edition of What Everyone Needs to Know about Islam is the best single source for clearly presented, objective information about these new developments, and for answers to questions about the origin and traditions of Islam. Editor of The Oxford Encyclopedia of Modern Islam and The Oxford History of Islam, and author of The Future of Islam and many other acclaimed works, John L. Esposito is one of America’s leading authorities on Islam. This brief audiobook remains the first place to look for up-to-date information on the faith, customs, and political beliefs of the more than one billion people who call themselves Muslims.

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Customer Reviews

This book was required for my class. I rated it three stars not because it’s bad, but because I’m very neutral towards it. It does a fair job of covering many topics; however, there are a lot of repetitions. The author could have combines many of the questions together.

Very good source of information about Islam and Muslims and the issues facing them and others in the communities in which they live. Especially in the west.

Well written and understandable.

helps understand Islam religion.

pretty good but gets politically correct at times

Esposito’s book is fine, if you’re a theist and wanting to read about the successes and failures of a religion. Most all theists should find it well balanced---but again, that’s if it’s read from a theists point of view.A non-theist will find it often frustrating and aggravating. For nonbelievers, Esposito’s book tends to be one long weak apology. And that’s a shame, because there is so much good information in it.The Q&A format is effective, but the answers to the dicey questions tend to be preceded by qualifiers (e.g., a question might be posed asking if Islam is a violent religion, and the response might read: the Christians and Jews have violent fundamentalists, so it’s not unusual to find violent Muslim fundamentalists). Well guess what, maybe the Christians, Jews and Muslims are ALL wrong about their blood-curdling holy books??? Because one group believes in nonsense doesn’t give others a license to act irrational and irresponsible. Perhaps they are are "touched." Many of the answers/explanations sounded like weak excuses---but that’s what religions offer, excuses. Again, nontheists will likely be frustrated.Esposito tends toward apologetics more than I cared to read.

Exactly what everyone needs to know especially since the media in the USA has given a very wrong perspective of Islam

This book was a real eye opener. I recommend to anyone who has questions about Islam, and its followers. Its important to set aside what you think you know about the faith, and dive into this book with an open mind. You may be surprised at how much you have in common with the Muslim people.

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